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## Coffee County Revenue Commissioner reports countywide increase in tax collections for year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, May 24, for its regular meeting, and Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed commissioners noting it had been an excellent year for property tax collections.

Burns attended the meeting to report the errors, litigations, and insolvents for the year. After he presented those numbers, commissioners approved the report, a requirement by law. He then noted it had been a really good year.

Comparing last year to this year, Burns said last year the county collected \$18,226,350.53 total and this year \$19,057,910.25 was collected. He said that was an overall increase of 4.3 percent.

He continued saying this year the state's portion saw an increase of 3.8 percent; the schools [which do not participate in abatements] saw an increase of 5.61 percent; the county general fund had an increase of 3.9 percent; and the road and bridge fund also had a 3.9 percent increase. Kinston had an 8.4 percent increase in collections this year, New Brockton had an increase of 12.1 percent, Elba had an increase of 13.8 percent, and Enterprise had an increase of 4.1 percent.

"This was an amazing year," Burns said.

He noted fire fees for Coffee County were only down by a very small

### NOTICE:

Coffee County's Residential Garbage Collection Service will run its normal route on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st.

amount, and collector fees were down 11 percent. He said it is a good thing when collector fees are down because that means more property owners paid their taxes on time resulting in smaller collection fees on past due accounts.

When asked what he thought contributed to the increases, Burns said basically new construction in the county along with increased population.

"This is my 42nd year in office, and it has been a wonderful time," Burns said. "I have one of the best staffs in Coffee County, and two of the best chief clerks anywhere."

Commissioner Jim Thompson thanked Burns and his staff for all they do for Coffee County.

County administrator added to Burns' comments regarding the growing population for Coffee County saying the county is the 12th fastest growing in the state, and that trend is anticipated to continue through 2040. Also, he said Coffee

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## Elba City Council votes to apply for sidewalk grant

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, May 24, the council revisited a topic that had been previously discussed.

During the May 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting, city engineer DeAnn Grantham informed council members of an opportunity to once again apply for a sidewalk grant that would create a safe walking environment from the downtown area to the new shopping district on Hwy 203 [new Hwy. 84]. During that meeting, the council asked Grantham to get back to them with some figures on the potential project.

Monday night, Mayor Tom Maddox said the figures for the project came back much higher than he had anticipated, but he said he felt it might still be something to consider.

He said if the grant application were to be submitted and approved, the city's portion of the project funding would be around \$220,000.

"I was thinking about Claxton Avenue being a sort of gateway to the city," Maddox said. "I think if we promote that, asking travelers to turn [at the Claxton intersection] to come into downtown Elba, and seeing this sidewalk along with the repaved streets, it might be worth the investment."

Maddox said the new sidewalk would basically

run from the Subway area down to Dairy Queen, tying the two shopping districts together.

After a lengthy discussion, council member Johnathan Lockett made a motion to submit the grant application for the sidewalk project. His motion received the necessary second, and it was approved with no opposition.

Even if approved for the grant, it would still be up to the council as to whether they want to accept it or not.

Police Lt. Russ Young attended the meeting on behalf of Police Chief Leslie Hussey, and he reported business as usual for the department.

Young did have one request for the council. He asked for permission to declare as surplus several old departmental vehicles and sell them, potentially via GovDeals.com. The vehicles included: a 2005 Ford Explorer, two 2013 Dodge Chargers, a 2014 Dodge Charger, a 2001 Ford Explorer, and a 2008 Dodge Charger.

Young said these vehicles are no longer in use, and most of the equipment already had been removed from the vehicles. He said one vehicle did not even have an engine any longer.

The council approved the request. Young said the police department would

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The Coffee County Commission extended accolades Monday morning, May 24, to the Elba High School Golf Team on the team's recent state championship win for the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A/2A boys division. The team, including senior John Martin Wilson, juniors Collin Sauls, Paxton Wise, Carson Wise, and Peyton McCart, and Coach Mark Wicker, were recognized during the meeting and presented a resolution from the Coffee County Commission honoring them for their success this season. The resolution read and presented by Commission Chairman Dean Smith indicated the team represented Coffee County with considerable distinction, sportsmanship, and class on their way to winning Elba High School's first ever golf team championship. The resolution further noted that senior John Martin Wilson had won the individual low medalist trophy in the state tournament by posting a two under par top score for Class 1A/2A. State Representative Rhett Marques also was in attendance for this presentation, and he too extended congratulations to the team/school for the championship win. Those pictured above include (from left) Rep. Rhett Marques, Carson Wise, Peyton McCart, John Martin Wilson, Paxton Wise, Collin Sauls, Coach Mark Wicker, and Coffee County Commission Chairman Dean Smith.

### Elba Police arrest female subject on multiple charges

Elba Police received a call for "citizen assist" on Saturday, May 22, at 3:55 p.m., and this incident resulted in an Elba woman being arrested on multiple charges.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Jessica Putnam, age 38, of Elba was arrested and charged by Elba Police with four violations, including harassing communications [\$500 bond], possession of marijuana – second degree [\$1,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$2,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond]. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 4:35 p.m. on Saturday.

Jail records further showed that Putnam was released Monday, May 24, at 4:15 p.m. on bond.

### During Elba Water & Electric meeting

### Board members learn of positive ADEM visit

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba Water and Electric monthly meeting Monday night, May 24, Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said ADEM [Alabama Department of Environmental Management] officials were in Elba on Friday, May 21, due to a complaint.

She said the complaint came from the Taylor Avenue area of the city, where ADEM had received complaints of low water pressure and murky water. She said Elba officials and the ADEM officials were inspecting the station that services the Taylor Avenue area when the ADEM officials came up with an idea they thought might help solve this issue as it has been a long, long process."

Bane said water department officials had spoken with ADEM previously regarding this complaint, and the employees had tried every possible solution that

"That went well," ADEM said regarding ADEM visit and annual review last Friday. "We were happy to have ADEM here and were excited to hear what they had to say. We feel it was a very positive visit."

Bane said

ADEM suggested. She said no one – the city nor ADEM – have been able to find a problem on the city side of the lines.

"That went well," ADEM officials said they would reach out to other experts to try and find anything else to attempt to improve the water for the Taylor Avenue area. "Our water is testing within the standards," she said. "It has been testing within the standards, and it is still testing within the standards. That does not mean, however, that it can't be improved. We are continuing to ask for ADEM's guidance on this matter, and we are willing to try anything to help improve the matter."

While in Elba, Bane said the ADEM officials went ahead and completed Elba's annual inspection.

"That went really well," she said. "We were happy to have ADEM here and were excited to hear what they

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## Area Happenings

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street, or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

**THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER** will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

**COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING** Wednesday, June 9, at the Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. A limited to the number of people can be in the room, so, if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3 prior to the meeting.

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The 2020-2021 school year ended earlier this week. Moseley said it had been a good year for the Elba School System.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" - Mark Twain

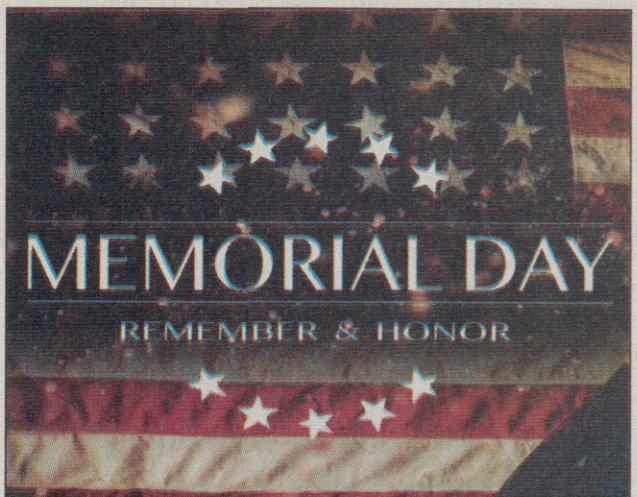
Elba native Rachel (Cowart) Oliver has made quite a name for herself in the decorating world. Living in the Atlanta, GA area positions her in just the right place to get lots of folks, both commercial and residential, needing just the right chair, picture on the wall, etc. It also brings her to the attention of folks filming TV specials. She has done these before but her latest stuff will be televised in June. We have our ears to the ground and will properly announce the time and networks carrying the Rachel special. If you want a bit faster schedule, her parents, right here in Elba — Bill and Jeannette Cowart — might give you a day or so quicker update.

We read with excitement the headlines in one of the several daily news bulletins that hit our in-box that the experts gave a man the ability to again see with genetic mutations in the eyes. Well after following through with a deeper reading on another website, the technology is far above our grade level — thus you will have do your own research to understand what is happening. Apparently they inject some unique gene(s) into the eyeball, then the patient wears a special pair of goggles and can begin to see objects — a bit fuzzy but after eons of seeing nothing, it excites the sightless individual. We did understand from our reading that these experts expect to get better results with fine tuning of their technics. We salute the efforts of these and others who spend years dogging a serious problem with determined efforts to help fellow humans overcome their physical and mental problem.

It is easy to skim over reports of defective bridges all across the nation. All of us have heard those comments and most are as guilty as yours truly in ignoring the warnings. However when we see pictures of major cracks in bridge structures such as the recent incident in Tennessee, that resulted in an emergency closing of a major traffic artery, it is past time to pay attention to these warnings. We can blame the bridge inspector and he is apparently guilty, but it is not only the inspector, but those of us who grunt and move on to something else. It is time to delay 'bridges to nowhere' as the one in Alaska and spend those funds on making the existing roads and bridges safer.

It is necessary to acknowledge that city employees did mow the grass on the levee within the last week. As was noted in this slot last week, prep work had already been done on the trim work. Now is a great time for citizens to take a stroll along a section or the whole thing if you need some exercise and peace of mind and enjoy the outdoors. With the summer arriving we might suggest an early morning stroll, or as an alternate, a late afternoon relaxed "tip toe through the daises."

Be Safe wash your hands . . . again; social distance when possible, wear your masks and get the shots (we did)!!



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Coffee County has the 8th highest median salary for workers in the state.

Morgan said he feels those are contributing factors to the growth Coffee County is experiencing.

In other business, commissioners approved a request from the county administrator to purchase four new residential garbage trucks for the county. The total purchase price is \$1,035,649.24, which will be financed through Bancorp South at a 2.29 percent rate for five years [with annual payments in arrears].

Commissioners also approved a motion, upon the request of environmental services coordinator Mike Thornton, to award

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had to say. We feel it was a very positive visit."

She said nothing that has to do with the integrity of the system or the quality of services seemed off during the ADEM visit.

Bane said she had not received the official letter from ADEM on the visit, but she would make sure board members got a copy once it did arrive.

Also during the water and electric board meeting, voted to allow the chair and attorney investigate what it would take to move the sewer services under the

**ADEM** (Continued from Page One)

be asking to surplus more vehicles soon.

In her report, city clerk Sally Bane noted the Elba Public Library is gearing up for the Summer Learning Program. She said registration is underway now. Any questions should be directed to the library staff.

The Elba Splash Pad will open Friday, May 28, just in time for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Bane said the Splash Pad is typically closed on Mondays; however, it will be open this upcoming Monday for Memorial Day.

Bane said the recreation department would be hosting a district "coach pitch" tour-

**Coffee Grounds:** From the mug to the garden

### Alabama Extension officials offer ways to use old coffee grounds

After enjoying a hot cup of joe in the morning, what can be done with all of the used coffee grounds? Throwing them away just creates extra waste to dispose of later.

Instead of aiming for the trashcan, shoot straight for the garden.

There are several creative ways to reuse coffee grounds in the garden.

#### Usage

Bethany O'Rear, an Alabama Extension home grounds, gardens and home pests regional agent, said coffee grounds can be used in the garden as mulch or as a great addition to the compost pile. Not only does coffee fuel you, but it can fuel your plants as well.

**Mulch**

Used coffee grounds are great to use as a mulch for the garden. However,

in order to use them as mulch, gardeners will have to add an extra

layer of another mulching material.

"The additional layer prevents the coffee grounds from becoming compacted," O'Rear said.

First, add approximately 1/2 inch of grounds as the first layer. Both freshly used grounds and composted grounds can be used for the mulch.

Then, add another layer of organic mulch, such as pine straw or pine bark, on top of the grounds.

#### Composting

In addition to being used for mulch, coffee grounds are a good addition to composting piles.

According to O'Rear, using grounds in composting is typically the most commonly used method for reusing coffee grounds for garden purposes.

This compost can in-turn be used as mulch, as mentioned above, or as an addition to garden soils to add needed nutrients.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

by W.K. Ellison, Pastor

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### DON'T STOP PRAYING Is. 62:6-8

The prophet Isaiah declares that he is committed to continuing prophesying and praying until he sees the promises of God fulfilled. He will take no rest until there is manifestation of the promises of God.

He then encourages the watchmen posted upon the wall to never hold their peace day nor night. Praying and calling out to God, reminding God to remember his promises to his people. The watchmen that were posted on the wall are those who are called to be successors; the ones he assigned to guard the promises with prayer, crying unto God for deliverance from the present conditions until he answers. What are they to pray? They are to pray the promises and not the conditions.

God had revealed what he was going to do through prophecy. Prophecy must be accompanied with prayer until the manifestation. Many times, when we receive prophecies, we rejoice and wait for the manifestation. Frustration soon sets in because it not manifested in the time frame we expected. One of the reasons is that when God gives the word of prophecy we do not guard or protect it with prayer. It's followed up with expectation, which is good but it's not enough.

Lastly, Isaiah instructed the watchmen to give God no rest, until he establishes it and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. He says, the Lord had sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength to perform the promises of the prophecies.

This is the pray stance that God is instructing us to take. Stay on the wall; guard the prophecy with prayer; don't stop calling out and reminding God of what he promised. Give him no rest, until he establishes it.

God never instructed us to pray our problems; but he instructs us to pray his promises and don't stop praying until He DOES IT.

\*\* Special thanks to Supt. W.K. Ellison of Harris Temple COGIC for authoring the Pastor's Corner feature this month. In June, the author of the feature will be Rev. Jeremie Turner, pastor of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

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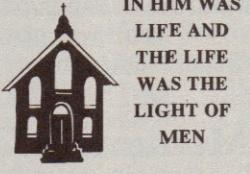
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Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . .  
6:00 p.m.

### DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### FaITH CHAPEL CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

### JESUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister  
David Noble, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

### KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

### LIVING WORD CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

### GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

H.E. Lueckner, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Alexander Edwards, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

### GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

David Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

### HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

### ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Renau, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

### HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

### HAW ILLE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
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### MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Renau, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

### MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

### HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lowell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



### CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend C. C. Miller, Pastor  
Church Services . . . 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

### CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## CHURCH and COMMUNITY

### Westside Baptist Church VBS planned for week of June 7-11

Westside Baptist Church in Elba will host "Big Fish Bay" Vacation Bible School, June 7th-11th from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. each day.

VBS is open to all children ages 3 through just completed sixth grade.

#### Basin Baptist Church to host VBS in June

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy. 189 S, Elba, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School this June!

VBS will be June 13 - 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night. It will conclude with Family Night on Friday, June 18, at 6 p.m.

There will be classes for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade. The theme is "Rocky Railway."

### ALEA offers safe boating tips

Following are some important safety tips from ALEA's Marine Patrol Troopers to help keep you and your family safe this summer:

- Operators must follow the capacity-plate requirements and never overload vessels beyond recommended safe-carrying capacity. These restrictions will include the weight of equipment and all individuals on board.

- Under Alabama law, canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are considered to be vessels and are subject to PFD requirements. There must be one U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD on board for each occupant; and children younger than age 8 on board these crafts are required to have them on at all times.

- Vessels passing head-on must keep to the right. In a narrow channel, vessels will keep to the right of mid-channel.

- Boaters should avoid the use of alcoholic beverages or use the designated operator system.

- When towing or pulling individuals on tubes or water skis, avoid spending prolonged periods in small areas. Look for calm, open water where boating traffic is light.

- Everyone should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD (life vest) when under way, particularly at night. Operators are responsible for everyone on board and should ensure all passengers know where PFDs are stored, how to reach them quickly and how to use them properly.

- Children younger than age 8 are required to wear PFDs at all times (unless inside a permanently affixed cabin enclosure). They also should wear PFDs that are the appropriate size.

- All individuals being pulled by a vessel on water

### Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** Prayer for Relief from Adversaries. Psalm 70:1-5

#### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Winston Tyrone Kelley Jr., Rev. Fred/Sis. Annie Flowers, Brittany Woodfolk Gilliam, Clarice Fitch, Corene Daniels, Vincent Smith, Dwight Belcher, Helen Thigpen, Corene Wilkerson

**d**ictator. Israel was not at war with a nonexistent country but had been freed from a world power (Egypt). Israel was a land of milk and honey, not cookie dough!

Baugh may pretend to be a sovereign ruler, but God's people need not pretend. We are ruled by the Almighty God. There is no on like Him! - J.E.

#### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/27/21

**Q:** The author questions the leaders of Israel regarding their practice of

**A:** Justice [Micah 3:1]

**Q:** Actions that the Lord required are to do justly, love, mercy, and walk

**A:** Humbly [Micah 6:8]

**Q:** God will not give His

**A:** Glory [Isaiah 42:8]

#### Thought to Remember

To reject God is to accept Hell while it's Hot

#### Questions for the Week of 6/3/21

Multiple Choice

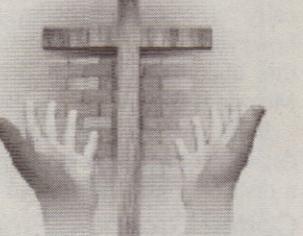
**Q:** Who saw David dancing? (Saul) (Michal) (Jonathan)

**Q:** How many times did Satan tempt Jesus in the wilderness? (once) (thrice) (five times)

**Q:** What daily provision did Jesus say to pray for? (bread) (wages) (rent money)

**T**oday is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



#### NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN THE WAY OF HOLINESS

Church, Elba

Mar Reed, Minister

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

#### TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

#### OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor

1st, 4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

#### VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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## LIFESTYLES



Elizabeth Gillian (pictured center), a member of a Montgomery DAR Chapter, was the installing officer for the incoming officers for 2021-2023. The officers include: Secretary Elizabeth Vickers; Parliamentarian Nancy Brunson; Treasurer Jane Harrod; Registrar Cathy Tallino; Regent Jacque Hawkins; Vice-Regent Gaye Hines; Librarian Martha Abernathy and Historian Nell Gilmer.

### John Coffee DAR chapter installs officers for 2021-2023

The Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education and promoting patriotism. The National Society of the John Coffee DAR Chapter met recently to install officers for 2021-2023 and to honor some members for their accomplishments.

Jane Harrod, chapter treasurer, was honored by the outgoing Regent, Nell Gilmer, for her exemplary service as the chapter treasurer for the past 11 years. She was presented with one of Gilmer's coveted rugs.

Elizabeth Gillian, southeast district director for the Alabama Society DAR, presented pink roses to Nell Gilmer, regent for 2019-2021. Pink roses are a token of admiration when given to someone and stand for gratitude, grace and joy.

Longevity certificates were presented to Jean Russell (50 years); Claire Murphy (10 years); Martha Abernathy (10 years), Dona Jowers (25 years) and Nell Gilmer (40 years).

Elizabeth Gillian, who lives in Wetumpka and is a member of a Montgomery DAR Chapter, was the installing officer for the incoming officers for 2021-2023. They are: Secretary Elizabeth Vickers; Parliamentarian Nancy Brunson; Treasurer Jane Harrod; Registrar Cathy Tallino; Gillian; Regent Jacque Hawkins; Vice-Regent Gaye Hines; Librarian Martha Abernathy and Historian Nell Gilmer.

Gilmer passed the gavel to Hawkins as her last official act as Regent.

If interested in knowing more about becoming a member of DAR, contact Registrar Cathy Tallino at [mrsnorwop@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsnorwop@yahoo.com).

The DAR was founded Oct 11, 1890 and incorporated in 1896 by an Act of Congress. The motto is "God, Home and Country." Membership consists of approximately 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and



**READY FOR SOME SUMMER FUN?** The Elba Splash Pad will open for the 2021 season on Friday, May 28, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. Typically, the Splash Pad is closed on Mondays for routine maintenance; however, for Memorial Day [Monday, May 31] it will be open!!

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the applicant.

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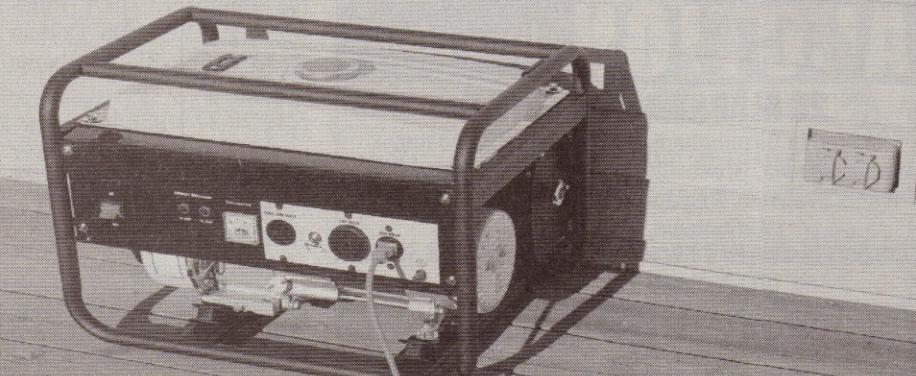
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#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION AD

Frederick Charles McCarty  
Case No. PC-2021-027

R & B Contracting Co., Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of a contract with Coffee Co. Water Authority for construction of Water Main Extension to Ben E. Keith Foods. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning 05-13-21 and 6-03-21. All claims in connection with this project should be filed during this period with the Engineer, DHA Engineering, LLC, 406 Dothan Road, Abbeville, Alabama 36310.

You are hereby given notice that a "Petition for Adoption" has been filed by Frederick Charles McCarty to adopt the following minor child: B.M.S. born on APRIL 22, 2003. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Probate Court and with the Petitioner's attorney: Hon. Joe Sawyer at 203 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, within fourteen (14) days for the date of the last publication of this notice. An adoption hearing has been set for the

24th day of June, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Court of the Coffee County

Courthouse located in Elba, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. DONE this 6th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON  
PROBATE JUDGE  
Coffee County, Alabama  
5-13-2021 & 6-3-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF  
JAMES HASTON BLAIR,  
Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
COFFEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC-2021-036

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of May 2021 by the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 11th day of May 2021.

/s/ Linda P. Blair  
Linda P. Blair  
5-20-2021 & 6-3-pd

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**CELEBRATING 54 YEARS** of membership and service to the Graceville, FL. Lions Club, Coffee County native Lawrence "Sonny" Bryan is pictured with club president Stevie Harris and a colorful yellow and blue cake.

### Coffee County native recognized for 54 years of dedicated service with Lions Club in Graceville, Fla.

Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones was once quoted stating, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." While many Lions around the world can probably recite the quote, only a select few can proudly say they live every day with the same dedication and love for community that the Lions Club International founder was known for having.

Coffee County, Ala., native and current Graceville, Fla., resident Lawrence "Sonny" Bryan has not only been a leader in the community and school system but also in the Graceville Lions Club where he became a member at the prime age of 36 and has continued that membership for 54 years.

Bryan was recognized for his 54-year continued membership with the Graceville Lions Club during the club's May meeting. He will be receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during the June Lions Club meeting. This award is known as being "the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism."

While grateful for the honor, Bryan remains humble thanking his members for thinking of him stating, "It felt good to be recognized but I wasn't expecting it."

A career educator, Bryan had a love for the community and its youth early on in his life. Wanting to do more, Bryan began looking into the local civic organizations and found that the Graceville Lions Club was where he belonged.

When asked what made him decide to join the area civic club all those years ago, he simply stated, "There was a lot of city men who were already in there and they seemed to do a lot for the community, so I really enjoy that."

He added that the Pancake Breakfast was his favorite fundraiser done by the Lions Club because of the tradition and fellowship that comes along with it.



**IN ATTENDANCE** for the special meeting were Bryan's children (far right) Jennifer Bryan and Kenneth Bryan. They are pictured with Bryan and club president Stevie Harris (far left).

### Wilkinson named to UM Spring 2021 Chancellor's Honor Roll

Kendall Grace Wilkinson, of Elba, Ala., was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2021 Honor Roll lists. She is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School.

Wilkinson was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"Our students on the Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their incredible academic achievements and this well-deserved honor."

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

### Elba High School Alumni Association awards 2021 scholarships to Collin Harrison and Ivie Thomas

The Elba High School Alumni Association announced the recipients of the 2021 scholarships Wednesday, May 19, during the Senior Awards Day program at Elba High School.

Each year, the Alumni Association presents two \$1,500 monetary scholarships—one to a male graduating senior and one to a female graduating senior—for a total of \$3,000 annually. This year's recipients are Collin Harrison and Ivie Thomas.

"Awarding our two scholarships each year is something the association looks forward to, and it is great way to honor graduating seniors from our school as they make the transition from student to alumnus of Elba City Schools," said Linda Hodge, president of the Elba High School Alumni Association. "We were thrilled to be able to award this year's scholarships to Collin and Ivie."

Fellow Lion Debbie Arnold spoke about Bryan and his dedication to the club stating, "Mr. Bryan is a faithful member of the Lions Club. He never missed a meeting until COVID-19."

She continued speaking of the joy the club felt to have their longest-running member back at meetings adding, "I was so proud to see him at the last few meetings. He has been a dedicated member for 54 years and that is awesome."

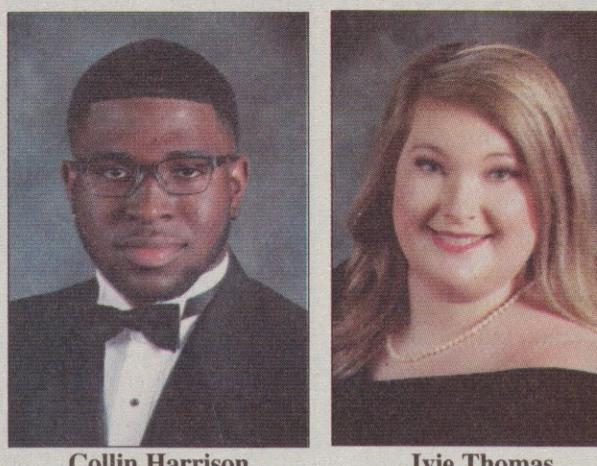
Current Graceville Lions Club president Stevie Harris also spoke about Bryan and being able to serve with a member who has dedicated so much time to the club.

He stated, "It has been a joy to serve our community with Mr. Sonny Bryan in the Graceville Lions Club. Mr. Sonny has always been willing to help with club projects, fundraisers, and often gives input on finding ways to better serve our community."

He added, "What a blessing it is to have someone who has dedicated 54 years of their life to serving their community."

With 54 years of service, Bryan has many memories and stories that revolve around the Lions Club. He's also seen the Graceville Lions Club change and evolve in the past five decades but was quick to state, "There's been a lot of change, but there has always been a pancake breakfast, it's still the same after all these years and I really enjoy that."

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**Collin Harrison**

They can now use the funds in any way they choose at the school of their choice as each enters the world of higher education."

The funds are applied to each recipient's student account at the school of choice for use while there.

"It does not matter if the student is planning to attend a 4-year college or university, junior/community college, trade school, or aviation school, any member of the senior class at Elba High

School each year is eligible to apply for the alumni scholarships as long as he/she is going to continue his/her education at the next level," Hodge said. "My hope is that every senior planning to continue his/her education would apply each year because we cannot award a scholarship to someone that does not even apply."

The Elba High School Alumni Association began awarding the two \$1,500

monetary scholarships each year in 2016. Adding Harrison and Thomas to the recipient list for 2021 now brings the total amount of scholarships award by the alumni association to \$18,000 over the past six years.

"Again, we are super excited for Collin and Ivie, and we look forward to doing this again next May for two members of the Class of 2022," Hodge said. "If you are a member of the Class of 2022 or a parent of a member of the class, please make a note to apply for our scholarship. Check with the school counselor for more information next school year."

Beyond the annual scholarships, the Elba High School Alumni Association is committed to assisting Elba City Schools with any needs that may arise each year. Hodge said that commitment remains strong for the association.



### 4H shotgun club recognized at Coffee County Commission meeting

The EHS Shotgun Club is a 4H-sponsored youth team based in Enterprise, Ala., that competes in skeet, trap, and sporting clays. The club is open to 4H eligible members in Coffee County in 6th through 12th grades.

During the Monday, May 24, Coffee County Commission meeting, the team was recognized for recently bringing home several awards from the 4H State Shotgun

Championships, held in Childersburg, Ala.

The Junior Team brought home first place in skeet and third place in sporting clays. For scores, the junior team included Kade Waters, Grayson Thornton, Michael McDaniels, and Owen Waters.

Kade Waters won second place junior individual skeet, and Grayson Thornton won third place junior HOA.

## PUBLIC NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSIE BELL WILLIAMS, Deceased

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ANGUS GAINYER, JR. Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC 2021-037

CASE NO. PC-21-038

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Patricia A. Dawson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosie Bell Williams, deceased, on the 25th day of May, 2021, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Angus Gainey, Jr., Deceased, Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to Katie M. Roberts, Administratrix, on the 11th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claim against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within six (6) months after the grant of letters or within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is later to occur, or the same will be barred.

s/s Jodee R Thompson  
The Honorable Jodee R Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama

Local students named to SNHU Winter 2021 President's List

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The Honorable Jodee R Thompson  
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The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia ("the Court") has approved a class action Settlement Fund for the Golden Peanut Company LLC and Olan Peanut Company LLC ("the Defendants") and the Plaintiff Farmers Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:19-cv-00463 (E.D. Va.) (the "Action").

The Defendants in this lawsuit, Golden Peanut Company LLC ("Golden Peanut"), Birdsong Corporation ("Birdsong"), and Olan, are peanut shellers, planted in the United States and sell their products to the Defendants. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspire to suppress competition and to fix depressed prices for Golden Peanut and Olan花生. The Defendants are Golden Peanut, Birdsong, and Olan. The Settlement Fund totals \$102,790,900.

Because they would be paid less in the absence of the illegal conduct, the Defendants have denied and continue to deny Plaintiff's claims.

If you are a member of the Class, you may object to the Settlement. You may also object to Class Counsel's request for attorney's fees, unreimbursed litigation costs and expenses, and service awards for the Class Representatives. If you do not object to the Settlement, the proposed plan of distribution of the Settlement Fund will be approved.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson brought home an armful of certificates and hardware last week from the annual awards day celebration at the Elba Elementary School and was beaming from ear to ear when he told his 'ole granddaddy about his haul. All the students deserved a special award this year for surviving all the changes in school life because of the pandemic, but I guess two months off for summer vacation may be almost as good!*

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their amazing run in high school softball last week as they claimed their fifth state championship in the past seven years and did so with only two seniors on the roster. The Lady Bulldogs appeared vulnerable early in the season and lost twelve games during the regular season, but came to life late and once the post-season started they rolled to ten straight wins to bring home yet another state championship trophy. State tournament MVP Kaylee Navarre is only a sophomore and pitched every inning for the Lady Bulldogs at the state tournament, and has more than enough experienced underclassmen around her to make Brantley the prohibitive favorite to be back in the hunt for a title next season. A lot of smaller schools have successful runs in sports when a group of talented students come through, but there were players on this year's team that were only in the third grade when the current streak started, and that is simply amazing. Great job girls!

\*\*\* If you are a softball fan last week was one of the best ever as the high school state tournament was held at Oxford and regional tournaments were held at numerous colleges all across the nation. Brantley won the 1A state title to grab the headlines, but at the college level the state of Alabama was also in the news as Alabama, Auburn, South Alabama Troy and Alabama State all made the NCAA field. Oh yes, just to make sure all the Brantley fans kept up with the college games, former Lady Bulldog standout Leanna Johnson was the starting pitcher in the Lady Trojans region opener. I have to admit I watched more golf than softball. However, it was a great week to be a softball fan.

\*\*\* The wind made fishing a little difficult last week at the Coffee County Lake, but not for longtime lake visitor Carl Kilcrease, who fished only once, but caught his limit with six catfish that weighed in at just over 14 pounds. Carl loves to catch catfish, and in six trips to the lake this month has caught a total of 92 pounds of fish. I guess you could say he knows where the catfish hang out, and definitely knows how to catch'em.

\*\*\* In closing.... The state high school baseball championship series were held last week in Montgomery and it was not the best of weeks for public schools as private schools took home the 'blue maps' in four of the seven classifications. Phil Campbell (3A), Russellville (5A) and Auburn (7A) did take home state titles, while Bayshore Christian (1A), Westbrook Christian (2A), Mobile Christian (4A) and Faith Academy (6A) all to home state championship crowns. I still believe that public schools and private schools should separate once the playoffs begin to make it fair!

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BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS - 2021 ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS

### With fifth state title

### Brantley coach gets 'one for the thumb'

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs gave head softball coach Cindy Hawthorne state championship rings in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018. Now she has one for the thumb!

The top-ranked Brantley Lady Bulldogs reinforced their status as one of Alabama's top high school softball programs last week with a dominating run through the AHSAA Class 1A state softball tournament to claim their fifth state championship in the past seven years.

"We were just trying to come back and leave everything on the field since we didn't get to play last year," said Coach Cindy Hawthorne. "We knew we had a bullseye on our back every time we took the field, but our motto all season was to finish strong. We only had two seniors on this year's team, and what a way for them to go out! We've just been blessed here at Brantley and it has been a real blessing to coach these girls."

Brantley opened the eight-team state tournament on Tuesday morning with a big 10-0 win over Cedar Bluff. The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late, as they opened up a 4-0 lead in the third inning and added six runs in their final two at-bats. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Sheonte Barginere added a double, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit and 1 RBI; and, Kayden Dunn and Lauren Hudson both added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre picked up her second win of the day inside the circle as she pitched a complete game 3-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

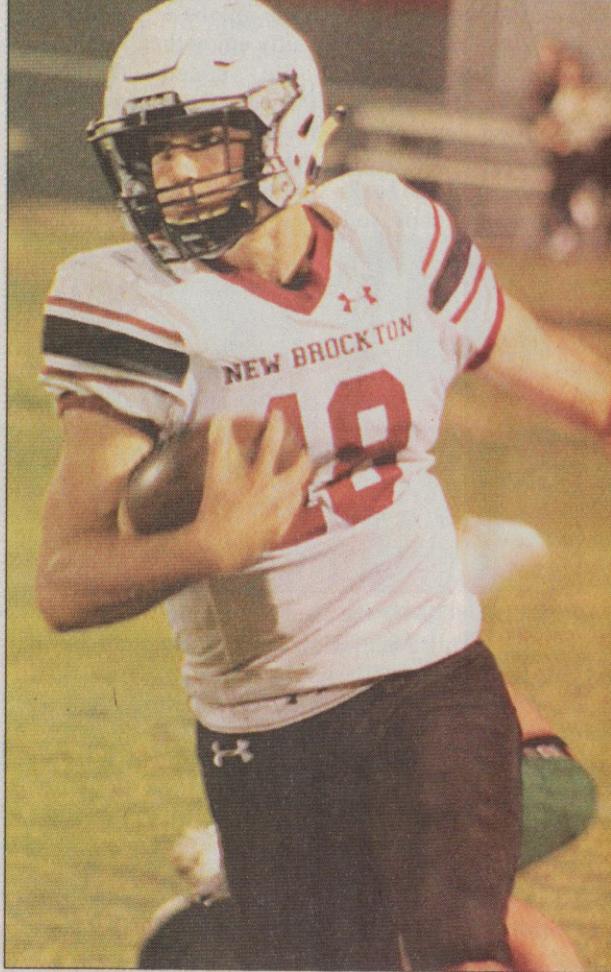
Brantley took the field for its third game of the day in the winner's bracket finals and continued to add up the wins as it claimed an impressive 7-2 win over Appalachian. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 2-0 early, but came battling back as they used a 3-run outburst in the third inning to grab

a 4-2 lead and then added 3 more runs in the seventh to seal the deal on the win. Kaylee Navarre had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Lauren Hudson added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Kayden Dunn added a double, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; and, Ainsley Watts added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI. Kaylee Navarre got the win inside the circle as she pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, while recording 13 strikeouts.

Brantley jumped ahead early on a 3-run homer by Kayden Dunn and then pulled away late to claim the state title with an impressive 11-3 win over Skyline, Wednesday night at Oxford. The Lady Bulldogs took command early on the first of Dunn's two home runs of the game, and then scored seven runs in their final two trips to the plate to put an exclamation mark on the state title win. Ainsley Watts had 3 hits, including a home run and a double,



MVP - Brantley pitcher Kaylee Navarre was named the MVP of the 1A state softball tournament after pitching four complete games to lead the Lady Bulldogs to their fifth state title.



Gamecock quarterback Kaden Cupp (18) rushed for 142 yards and 2 TD's in last week's spring football win over Florala.

(Photo by Greg Brunson)

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day!

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